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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed May 17, 2007, regarding the above referenced application.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this submission.